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COLONNA'S [c] HYPNEROTOMACHIA [5]

Hypnerotomacha the Strife of Love in a Dieam Written m Italian by Francisco Colonna, and translated into English by Richard Dalhngton, being dedicated to the thrice honourable and ever living virtues of Sir Philip Sidney, Knight, and to the right honourable and others whatsoever, who living loved him, and being dead gave him his due, and the epistle written to the Earl of Essex The story telleth of the amorous visions of the monk Potiphilus, and the first Italian copy is much noted for the beauty of its cuts

GREENE'S * DISPUTATION *

A Dtsputatton between a He Conny-catcbcr and a She Conny-catcher, written by Robert Greene, in which Lawrence, a foist, and Nan, a traffic, dispute for a supper whether a thief or a whore is more prejudicial to a commonwealth, both alleging instances out of their experience until Lawrence confesseth that he is beaten

Appended to the *Disputation* is the *Conversion of an English Courtesan^* relating how a certain young woman, the daughter of wealthy parents, became a strumpet Being from childhood cockered by her parents, she flouted the warnings of her kinsmen, and refused the wealthy farmer whom her parents chose for her husband but fell in with the humour of the odd companion of a gentleman that dwelt hard by, a fellow of small reputation and no living, that had no excellent qualities save

thrumming on the gittern, and the singing of quaint and ribald]igs Having yielded herself to him, he carried her away to an Inn, when as his money ran short, he left her to see how her parents took their departure The report of her beauty being spread abroad, many youthful gentlemen came to the Inn to seek her favour, with one of whom she went off to the Bath, where she lived as his wife,